

# Wednesday Weekly

March 6, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Lent March 10, 2024

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life."



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-John 3.14-21

When Applicable – please ensure that the following items, especially those marked with an \*, are in your bulletin and/or are also announced so that the same information is heard across the diocese. Thank you.

#### Online Broadcast of the Daily / Sunday Masses:

- Sacred Heart Cathedral, PG Facebook
- <u>St. Joseph's Parish, Smithers Facebook</u>

For those with cable or optic TV, please check with your provider for the following or go directly to:

- <u>Salt & Light</u>
- <u>Vision TV</u>
- <u>EWINTV</u>

#### **Attachments**

- 2023-2024 Appeal Update Mar 06, 2024
- Photo-Video Release Form
- Job Posting Principal St. Michael School
- Hope on the Horizon Poster
- Job Posting Financial Administrator Nelson Diocese
- World Wide Marriage Encounter Posters

# Called Together and Healing and Reconciliation Appeal Update

Attached is the Appeal Update for March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

We haven't seen much change over the past two weeks in reaching our diocesan goal, although Annunciation Parish and St. Joseph's Smithers both added donations that will be rebated to the parishes.

During our Lenten journey, perhaps you would consider making an additional donation to the appeal to help support our smaller parishes, missions and ministries, which include Shepherd's Corner's ministry to the homeless, the Rose Prince Pilgrimage and our Pro-Life fund. Your gift goes a long way to help others. We thank you for your continued generosity -- both financial and in your continued prayers.

#### Appeal Tax Receipts

All tax receipts have gone out. Some were made available at the Prince George parishes last weekend. All the other receipts have been sent in the mail.

A couple important things to note:

1. We issue tax receipts for the 2023 calendar year -- not the appeal year that runs from July to June. You may be receiving receipts for donations made any time during 2023 and may span two appeal years.

2. We issue separate receipts for Called Together and the Healing and Reconciliation Appeals and each receipt includes the total amount donated over the course of the year. However, you may receive multiple receipts if you made separate donations that support different parishes.

3. We **do not** provide tax receipts for donations made online through CanadaHelps. You will already have received a tax receipt from CanadaHelps for your donation and we are not permitted to issue those receipts. If you require a replacement receipt for your donation, please go to <a href="https://www.canadahelps.org/en/tax-receipts/">https://www.canadahelps.org/en/tax-receipts/</a> and they will immediately email you a replacement.

If you have not received your receipt, please reach out to <a href="mailto:appeal@pgdiocese.bc.ca">appeal@pgdiocese.bc.ca</a> and we will send you a replacement by email.

# Monthly Day of Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Emmanuel Hermitage invites you to a Personal Date with Jesus on Tuesday, March 12th, 2024, at the Domano Chapel, 6500 Southridge Ave. Mass will be celebrated at 7:30 AM and the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM for a day of silent prayer and adoration. We will pray for the universal Church and the world, and for the people and needs of our Diocese. In particular we will pray for the protection of all human life, for all the sick, for vocations, for Peace in our world, and for the intentions of those participating in the day. Please mark your calendar on the second Tuesday of each month for Personal Date with Jesus days.

## Journey through Lent 2024

The CCCB continues their "Journey through Lent" video series with Bishop Hagemoen reflecting on rejoicing on our journey to Christ.

View the entire series so-far here: <a href="https://www.cccb.ca/lent/">https://www.cccb.ca/lent/</a>



# Submit your Photos to the Wednesday Weekly

If you have photos of a parish event, achievement, or ministry in action in your community, consider submitting them to the Wednesday Weekly at <u>reception@pgdiocese.bc.ca</u>. Have a story to tell that goes with it? Let us know and it can be featured in the Quarterly Special Edition (next edition: March 27, 2024).

Please see the attached release form to ensure that proper permissions from the people in the photos have been granted prior to submitting photos.

## Society of St Vincent de Paul – Clothing Donations Needed

Our St Vincent's Thrift Store (1645 3rd Avenue, Prince George, 250-562-5136, store manager Colleen) requires **clothing,** all types, infants to adults. Our thrift store is open Mondays to Saturdays, see our Facebook Page, *St Vincent De Paul Society PG* as well. All our proceeds go to feed and clothe the needy.

Additionally, we are in need of volunteers to work alongside our staff, Mondays to Saturdays, with flexible schedules—especially suitable for retirees, or young folk needing volunteer experience.

#### 40 Days for Life – Lenten Campaign

The Right to Life Society of Prince George invites you to participate in our 40 Days for Life Lenten Campaign. This year's campaign began on Ash Wednesday, February 14, and will end on Sunday, March 24. Each day, we gather along the footpath at the intersection of Ferry Avenue and Hwy 16 W from 1:00-2:00 PM. Since 2007, 40 Days for Life has played a pivotal role in saving the lives of 24,239 unborn children and in the closing of 148 abortion clinics. Your prayerful presence will be a visible witness to the sanctity of the lives of the unborn and help to save many more lives. Please come and join us whenever possible.

#### Advokate – Baby Bottle Campaign May 12<sup>th</sup> to June 16<sup>th</sup>

Advokate Life and Education Services' annual Baby Bottle Campaign will take place from May 12<sup>th</sup> to June 16<sup>th</sup>.

The mission of Advokate is "to bring hope in action to vulnerable women and low-income families facing unplanned pregnancy while promoting the inherent worth and dignity of every human being."

If your Parish would like to participate in the Baby Bottle Campaign, please email Bethany at <u>bethany@advokate.ca</u> and let her know how many bottles you will need. Advokate also has promotional materials for the campaign available here: <u>https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1zMB2qqQxm8ac5GuwyviceO8Fyt2dZD6A</u>

You can also fill a virtual bottle at <a href="https://babybottles.ca/">https://babybottles.ca/</a>

## Grief to Grace Retreat: May 14-18, 2024



Through a retreat program facilitated by mental health professionals and centered on Jesus Christ, Grief to Grace helps those who have endured neglect, physical, emotional, sexual, and/or spiritual abuse in their family of origin, their community, from spouses/partners, and/or coworkers or supervisors, find healing and journey to wholeness. The next retreat in

Canada is **May 14 - 18, 2024 in Kelowna**. For more information please email <u>grieftogracekelowna@gmail.com</u> or make a confidential call to 250-808-6403.

#### World Wide Marriage Encounters – Virtual Experience April 19-21, 2024

Even when a marriage is going smoothly, there are always opportunities to make it work better. The Marriage Encounter experience is a heart haven that helps you listen, share, and connect more deeply. There is no group discussion. It's just about the two of you learning to be the best, most loving and thriving couple you can be.

April 19 – 21, 2024 Virtual Experience Edmonton based (Mtn Time) Questions? Doug & Candice Chappell 778-479-7900 Doug.candice.chappell@wwme.org

Apply at – wwme.org

#### **Rachel's Vineyard Retreats**

For Emotional and Spiritual Healing

Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreats offer a supportive and non-judgmental environment where women and men can express, release and reconcile painful post-abortive emotions to begin the process of restoration, renewal and healing.

Registering now. Confidentiality assured.

Kelowna retreat: April 12-14, 2024 Contact Vicki at 250-762-2273 www.rachelsvineyardkelowna.com Facebook: Rachels Vineyard Kelowna

Merrit retreat: April 30 – May 2, 2024 Contact Nancy at 250-267-5081, phone or text rvkamloops@yahoo.ca

#### Mark Your Calendar – Invitation to Youth Camp

MARK YOUR CALENDAR - INVITATION TO ALL YOUTH GRADES 8 to 12

EVENT: YOUTH CAMP Date: April 5-7, 2024 Location: Domano Retreat Centre Fee: \$65 for initial child and \$20 for any subsequent child from the nuclear family

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT: Mark and Ann-Marie Macapinlac Cell: 778-998-3714 Email: markmacapinlac@protonmail.com

This event is in partnership with CFC-Youth for Christ.

#### Catholic Street Ministries: Hope on the Horizon

The <u>Hope on the Horizon Summer Outreach program</u> is an incredible opportunity for young Catholics aged 19 to 30 to answer the call of Christ and serve the homeless with compassion. Coordinated by the

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Archdiocese of Vancouver in collaboration with Catholic Street Missionaries, this transformative multiweek program will unfold from August 6 to August 21, 2024. Some of the benefits will include:

- **Authentic Christian living** During this time, participants will live an intensive communal life, praying, learning, serving the poor and enjoying recreational activities together.
- Holistic formation The program offers a holistic formation, nurturing their human, apostolic, spiritual, and intellectual development.
- Inner healing As young missionaries step out of their comfort zone to love those who are "hardto-love", they are subconsciously embracing their own poverty (i.e. wounds, weaknesses, 'defects'); thus receiving inner healing.
- **Hearts set on fire** Like the two disciples walking alongside Jesus on the road to Emmaus, participants will return with hearts aflame to serve their local churches.

For more information, see the attached poster or check out their website: <u>https://www.catholicstreetmissionaries.org/horizon</u>

# Catholic Independent Schools Diocese of Prince George (CISPG) has begun recruiting for the 2024-2025 school year.

We ask for your prayers and help to find Catholic, certified teachers for our 8 Catholic Schools. All 8 schools have vacancies including the Principalship at Sacred Heart School in Prince George. CISPG hires non-Catholics with the expectation they understand and are respectful to Catholic values and lifestyle.

Teaching vacancies and the application forms can be found at <a href="http://cispg.ca/careers/">http://cispg.ca/careers/</a>

Please share this with anyone you may know that could be teaching in our vibrant Catholic Schools!

#### Job Postings

#### The Roman Catholic Diocese of Nelson

• **Financial Administrator:** The Diocese of Nelson, which encompasses the Okanagan and Kootenays of beautiful British Columbia, is recruiting for the position of Diocesan Financial Administrator. The office is located in Kelowna at the Catholic Pastoral Centre. Please see the attached job ad for more details and how to apply. Deadline is March 22, 2024.

#### The Catholic Independent Schools of Nelson Diocese (CISND)

• **Principal of St. Michael School**: CISND is seeking a passionate and experienced individual to lead St. Michael's School. Please see the attached job ad for details.

#### The Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon

 Migration Office Coordinator: The Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon is seeking a full-time, permanent Coordinator for the Office of Migration, working in the area of refugee sponsorship, with the position based at the Catholic Pastoral Centre in Saskatoon, and beginning July 1, 2024. The Migration Office Coordinator provides administrative support and formation to parishes sponsoring and resettling individuals and families; monitors parishes/constituent groups to ensure the diocese's responsibilities as a Sponsorship Agreement Holder are met; and promotes awareness about refugee sponsorship in the diocese. For more details see the posting at <a href="https://rcdos.ca/employment">https://rcdos.ca/employment</a>. To apply, please email resume and cover letter to <a href="https://rcdos.ca/employment">jekeng@rcdos.ca</a> using the subject "Migration Office Coordinator" before the deadline of midnight, March 31, 2024.

Want to share news in the Wednesday Weekly?

Email <u>reception@pgdiocese.bc.ca</u> by **NOON** on Tuesday.

Late entries will be published in the following week's edition. Please send in Word format.

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